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In re Application of

Anderson, et al.

Application No. 10/693,660

Filed: October 24, 2003

Attorney Docket No. MEA-0201-C2

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 8, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

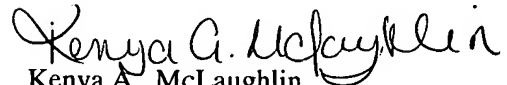
The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed July 13, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from its mailing date. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 14, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 24, 2005.

The amendment filed March 8, 2006, is noted.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600, GAU 2644 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.


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